

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 07-8124-JMH

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs

YOLANDA CRAWLEY,

Defendant.

DETENTION ORDER

Pursuant to Title 18, U.S.C. § 3142(f), on April 18, 2007, a hearing was held to determine whether the Defendant, Yolanda Crawley, should be detained prior to trial. Having considered the factors enumerated in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g), this Court finds that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of this Defendant as required and the safety of any other person and the community. Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Defendant, Yolanda Crawley, be detained prior to trial and until the conclusion thereof.

In accordance with the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3142(i), the Court hereby makes the following findings of fact and statement of reasons for the detention:

1. The Defendant is charged with money laundering. 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(1).
2. The weight of the evidence against the Defendant is substantial. Between 1998 and 2007, Co-Defendant Shawn Green engaged in drug dealing that generated over two million (\$2,000,000) dollars. Shawn Green is the Defendant's son.

The Defendants paid three hundred and ninety-eight thousand (\$398,000) dollars in American Express bills between 2003 and the present. Many of the charges were made by Mr. Green for high end travel.

In purchasing her eight hundred thousand (\$800,000) dollar home in Wellington, in 2004, the loan application lists Shawn Green as the interviewer. She stated she worked for the Social Security Administration and earned one hundred and forty-four thousand (\$144,000) dollars annually.

Between 2003 and today, her IRS records report three hundred thousand (\$300,000) dollars in total income. Within the same time frame, she purchased three homes worth two and a half million dollars.

On a second mortgage application (in 2005) on the Florida home, the Defendant claimed to work for Platinum Hill recording and earned eleven thousand (\$11,000) dollars a month from that job. Her federal tax returns reflect no such income or employment.

In February 2004, the Defendant was added to Mr. Green's Bank of America account. In five months, Mr Green, wrote five checks that comprised the down payment on the Wellington home.

In August, 2005, she took out a third mortgage on the Wellington house for nine hundred fifty-six thousand (\$956,000) dollars. On this application, she claimed to work for V.L. Brooks, earning twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars a month, but her IRS return reflects she earned fifty-six thousand (\$56,000) dollars for the entire year.

Between September, 2005 and 2006, mortgage bank records show she paid one hundred and two thousand (\$102,000) dollars on the Wellington property. Her declared income does not support such ability.

The Defendant purchased a house on Pacific Grove Drive for five hundred and fifty thousand (\$550,000) dollars in September, 2005. On this loan application, she claimed two hundred and forty thousand (\$240,000) dollars annual income working for Century 21 and as an investor. She also calimed to have earned fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollar income from renting the Wellington home when there was no such income. She reported fifty-six thousand (\$56,000) dollars in income to the IRS. On December 28, 2006, she refinanced that house. On this application, she claimed two hundred and forty-three thousand (\$243,000) dollar annual income and property assets of \$2.3 million. Her tax records do not show income sufficient to support the homes.

The Defendant also owns a home in Maryland. In February, 2007, the Defendant paid over \$300,000 to pay the house off in full.

In 2006, her son, Mr. Green, purchased two nine thousand (\$90,000) dollar Range Rovers. One was in her driveway when she was arrested.

When asked about her son's income, the Defendant stated she suspected he was selling drugs but was told his income was from the music business.

Four hundred thousand (\$400,000) dollars cash went through various bank accounts listed in the Defendant's name during the relevant time period.

As to risk of flight, the Defendant reports frequent travel and is a travel agent. Prior to her arrest, the local agents spent several weeks trying to locate the Defendant. The Defendant has access to large amounts of cash and her son remains a fugitive. The Government believes he has access to large amounts of cash. She faces a huge monetary loss and serious jail sentence. All of which supports a concern that she will flee.

Mr. Green has previous drug arrests. In 2006, the police seized nine hundred

thousand (\$900,000) dollars cash from associates of Mr. Green.

18 U.S.C. 3142(g)(2).

3. The pertinent history and characteristics of the Defendant are as follows: The Defendant is a United States citizen but has traveled to South Africa and the Mediterranean recently. She has lived locally for a year and has previously resided in Maryland. Her father and siblings reside in Maryland. She is divorced and has one adult child. She has worked in real estate and the travel industry. She owns three homes and has bank accounts with over thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars. She has a previous shoplifting conviction in 1974.

When arrested, she claimed that she didn't read the loan applications for the purchase of the homes. 18 U.S.C. §3142 (g)(3)(A) and (B).

Based on the jail sentence that the Defendant faces and because her son remains a fugitive, with access to large amounts of cash, the undersigned believes that she would not appear if released on bond prior to trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(3)(A) and (B).

4. The money the Defendant was laundering came from on-going narcotics trafficking and the Defendant acknowledges that she thought her son was trafficking in drugs. Accordingly, the Defendant constitutes a danger to other persons or the community. 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(4).

5. The Court specifically finds that there are no conditions or combination of conditions which reasonably will assure the Defendant's appearance as required and the safety of any other person and the community. 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e).

Based on the above findings of fact, which were supported by clear and convincing evidence, the Court has concluded that this Defendant presents a danger to the

community. Based on the above findings of fact, which were supported by the preponderance of the evidence, the Court has concluded that this Defendant presents a risk of flight.

The Court hereby directs:

1. That the Defendant be committed to the custody of the Attorney General for the confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practical, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;

2. That the Defendant be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with counsel; and

3. That, on order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which the Defendant is confined deliver the Defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

DONE AND ORDERED this 20th day of April, 2007, at West Palm Beach, Florida.



LINNEA R. JOHNSON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

cc: Counsel of Record